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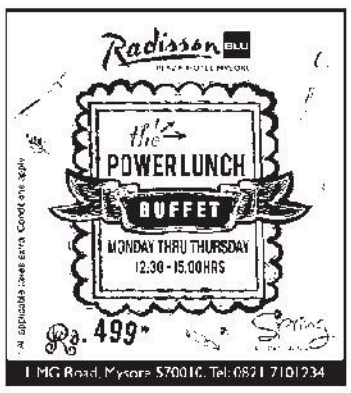

All vehicles must sport high-security number plates

Tenders floated; Mysuru district has 6.70 lakh vehicles registered in 10 years

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (MTY&BCT)- Very soon, owners of bikes, cars and other vehicles, who have registered their vehicles prior to April 1, 2019, will have to shell out money to replace their old registration plates. The Karnataka Transport Department is in the process of making High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) mandatory and it has floated tenders to select an agency to execute this massive exercise.

The system to affix HSRPs, which are touted to be tamper-proof, is already in place in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh and in Karnataka, vehicles that have been registered after April 1, 2019 are all sporting HSRP but over 1.76 crore vehicles were registered before that.

Earlier too, the State Government had made attempts to implement the policy in 2010-11. However, as the tender process was mired in controversies, the Government had cancelled the tender it had floated in 2013. Now again, fresh tenders have been invited.

A file photo of vehicles on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on this, L. Deepak, Regional Transport Officer (East), who also holds the additional charge as RTO West, said that they have information about the Department floating tender but there is no official communication from the Government in this regard and the process is within the Department and discussions are underway on the mode of the implementation.

In Mysuru district, there are approximately 6,70,800 registered vehicles in the last 10 years and those vehicles that have been registered before April 1, 2019 have to mandatorily implement the HSRP rule once the State Transport Department notifies the same, Deepak added.

(See NUMBER PLATES on page 9)

Like 2020, low-key Dasara this time too

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (Manju,MTY &BCT)- The 2021 Dasara will be celebrated in a simple manner in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic like last year and in view of the prevailing flood situation in Karnataka.

In 2020, the celebrations were restricted to about 300 atop Chamundi Hill for the inaugural while the *Jumboo Savari* was restricted to the Mysore Palace premises, with a limited number of elephants and tableaux. Entry of public was banned into the Palace.

The official State-festival of Karnataka, Mysuru Dasara is a grand 10-day spectacle that culminates on the day of Vijayadashami. Every year, Dasara celebration attracts a huge number of tourists from all over the world to the heritage city of Mysuru.

Minister for Cooperation S.T. Somashekar indicated that the Dasara celebrations will be simple in view of the threat of COVID-19 third wave. He has been deputed to oversee measures against the spread of COVID-19 in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

The Minister who visited the Bawali check-post bordering Kerala yesterday said that it is risky to celebrate Dasara in a grand manner at a time when the pandemic is showing signs of revival in the neighbouring States.

He, however, ruled out cancelling the celebrations as it would be against the tradition that has been followed from centuries. He said he would draw the attention of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to convey a meeting of the Dasara High-Powered Committee on Dasara celebrations, where a decision would be finalised.

"I have already directed the District Administration to prepare plans for a simple Dasara and after the plan is chalked out, I will take the issue to the CM," he said and added that last year, the Dasara celebrations were scaled down based on the recommendations by the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee.

(See DASARA on page 8)

Kidnapped from Tirupati, baby rescued in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (KS)- Devaraja Police have arrested a 31-year-old woman on charges of kidnapping a four-month-old baby boy from Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

A press release from the Public Relations Officer, City Police Commissioner's Office stated that the Police, after rescuing the baby, handed over the infant to the Alipiri Police in Tirupati. A 13-year-old boy, who was also with the woman, was handed over to Stree Seva Nikethan at Vijayanagar in Mysuru.

The woman has been identified as Asha and she was found roaming with the baby and the 13-year-old boy at S.R. Road near Akki Chowk Auto Stand. The 31-year-old is the wife of late Vishwa.

(See KIDNAPPED on page 8)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***"Malayalam novel about a Russian novelist".*** **—Ed**

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 8th August 2021

Exhibition of philately, coins and currency notes

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (AK)- A rare collection of coins, currency notes and stamps were displayed in an exhibition held at Vanitha Sadana High School in Krishnamurthypuram here on Friday.

Industrialist N.S. Dwarakanath inaugurated the event. While addressing the gathering, he said: "It's been 30 years that I'm collecting coins, currency notes and stamps of ancient times. I want people to know about these collections, so exhibition is organised in order to educate people," he added.

He showcased folk coins, Olympic coins, currencies of ancient times at the expo. Also on display were rare coins of America, Thailand, Japan, London, South Africa, Cambodia, New Zealand and Zimbabwe — a collection of Rtn. Sunil Baliga of Rotary Ivory City Mysuru and Paramveer Chakra, Ashoka Chakra and Victoria Cross medals — 50-year-old collection of amateur Philatelist Jayadeva Yarasi.

Rotary Ivory City President Rtn. Iftekhar Ahmed presided over the event.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

POLITICS AND RAPE : ***After four men posing as policemen raped two minor girls on a Goa beach, CM Pramod Sawant, who also holds the home portfolio, asked parents to introspect on why these young girls were out at night. Sawant later walked back that comment, saying he was misquoted. But there have been far too many such blame-the-victim comments from Indian politicians, including women leaders. This speaks of a political culture that has mixed patriarchy's usual tropes — women must restrict their mobility and autonomy — with frightening insensitivity about the crime of rape. How difficult is it to understand that if there is any moment when politicians should absolutely not dole out lectures on parental duties it is when a daughter is a victim of sexual violence.***

But it is not just politicians either. Police officials, teachers, men and women in other public offices and even some parents have all asked, after a crime of sexual violence, whether the victim shouldn't have known better. The assumption here is that sexual violence is inevitable. It is the idea that women have to live in constant vigilance and terror. Men disappear from this narrative altogether. Rape is cast as 'women's safety' not 'male violence'. But the pushback is also now fierce. Leaders these days often retract their original comments. A political cost is attached to normalising rape. That cost needs to be much, much higher.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Unique "Coca Cola Lagoon" of Brazil

Rio Grande del Norte: The unique Coca Cola Lagoon in Rio Grande del Norte, Brazil, where the water has the exact same colour as the popular soft drink.

Looking at the water of Lagoa da Araraquara, it's easy to see why it is popularly known as Coca Cola Lagoon. It has the same dark hue, but very different ingredients and no carbonation. Instead of caramel, the water of this popular lagoon is coloured by a concentration of iodine and iron, in combination with the pigmentation of the reeds near its shores.

Located on the south coast of Rio Grande do Norte, just under 100 km from Natal, Coca Cola Lagoon is both one of the most popular and also the most unusual tourist attraction in the Brazilian state. Kids love it, especially when they hear its nickname, but some adults are put off by the dark coloration of the water.

Man becomes woman to write girlfriend's exam

Diourbel: A young African man was recently placed under arrest after he tried to pass as a woman while trying to pass the graduation exam on behalf of his girlfriend.

22-year-old Khadim Mboup, a student of the Gaston Berger de Saint-Louis University, in Diourbel, Senegal, managed to fool faculty and supervisors at a Baccalaureate (high-school graduation exam) examination centre into thinking that he was a female high-school student for 3 days. Mboup wore a long-hair wig partially covered with a traditional scarf, earrings, a dress, bra and even face make-up to pass as his girlfriend, 19-year-old Gangué Dioum. Just when the two lovers' plan seemed to work, one of the supervisors noticed something odd about Khadim and his true identity was discovered.

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Surface cleaning, disinfecting: missing contaminated surfaces during cleaning, poor adherence to manufacturer contact time guidelines, and more, which can increase pathogen exposure potentials, follow the guidelines and adhere to it."

By Veronica D Souza - Infection Control Nurse

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CIIL to launch 2nd phase of language training for Navodaya teachers

Mysuru, Aug. 8- To create awareness among Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) teachers about specialised scientific contents, state-of-the-art tools, techniques and methodologies prevalent in the area of regional language education in line with the implementation of National Education Policy 2020, National Testing Service-India (NTS-I), under Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, is set to launch 2nd phase of online language training for the regional language teachers of NVS.

The programmes are scheduled to be launched in the month of August and September, 2021. A six-day intensive training event is to be organised for each language (Punjabi, Urdu, Assamese and Odia) covering 100s of language teachers across the nation.

Training will consist of specialised lectures, hands-on session, case studies, etc. by renowned experts drawn from IITs, NITs, JNU, DU and other Central and State Universities and Research Institutions across the nation. First phase of the prog. for Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam and Telugu were completed in the month of January and February.

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer In-charge, NTS-I, will coordinate these programmes under supervision of Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Head, Centre for Testing and Evaluation, CIIL Mysuru. Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, CIIL, Mysuru and Vinayak Garg, Commissioner, NVS (HQ), are joint patrons.

REALLY...?

- ***Peter Henlein (1480–1542) is widely regarded as the first person to make clocks small enough to be portable. A Nuremberg-based locksmith and clockmaker, he effectively turned table clocks into tuna-can-sized pocket watches. With a precision of 30 minutes a day, give or take, his "watches" needed to be reset according to a sundial!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Lady: *Hi Sir, I want to meet and talk to you. You are the father of one of my kids.*
Man stunned & asked: *Omg! **Are you Riya?** No. **Anu?** No. **Pari?** No. **Jassi?** No.*
Lady in confusion!!
"No sir, I am the class teacher of your son."

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 7
Day's Positive Cases	90	141
Total Positive Cases	1,73,689	1,73,830
Day's Discharges	133	14
Total Discharges	1,70,017	1,70,031
Day's Deaths	4	1
Total Deaths	2,323	2,324
Total Active Cases	1,349	1,475

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

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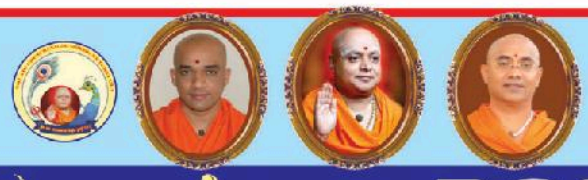

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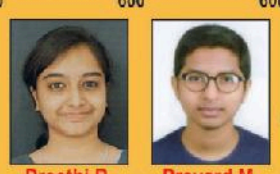

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GENIUS College offers discount on admission fees for girls

GENIUS PU & Degree College, Mysuru, is offering 70% discount on fees for distinction holders (both boys and girls) taking admission to B.Com and BBA degree courses in their College. Apart from that, every girl student taking admission to the said courses will be given 50% discount. This offer is valid from Aug. 9 to Aug. 16, according to a press release from the College. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2979977 or Mob: 80959-59469.

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance work, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Aug. 9) from 10 am to 5.30 pm: Beedi Workers Hospital, Beedi Colony, Hyder Ali Block, Shanthinagar South Block, Sultan Road, Udayagiri Police Station, Mohommadiya Masjid and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer (N.R. Mohalla).

Public Libraries timings revised

Timings of Public Libraries has been revised due to sudden imposition of weekend curfew. Department of Public Libraries Dy. Director B. Manjunath has said that libraries will be open on Monday and Second Tuesday instead of Sunday and Second Saturday. Accordingly, Library will be closed on Aug. 8, 14 and 15 and function on Aug. 9, 10 and 16.

Two-wheeler lifters arrested

Six vehicles worth Rs. 4 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested two persons on charges of lifting two-wheelers in city and have recovered six two-wheelers worth about Rs. 4 lakh from them.

Following increase in vehicle thefts in city, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta had constituted a special Police team comprising CCB officials and staff, who nabbed 21-year-old Abdul Rahim of Udayagiri near Albadar Masjid in Rajivnagar here on Aug. 6. Another accused 39-year-old Abid Pasha of Shanthinagar was held on Aug. 7.

Accused Abdul Rahim is a resident of Neelakantanagar in Nanjangud and was residing at his aunt's house in Udayagiri in city.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of committing the crime and based on the information provided by them, the Police have recovered six two-wheelers worth Rs. 4 lakh from them.

Following the arrest, the CCB Police have solved one case each in Vijayanagar, V.V. Puram, Lashkar and Narasimharaja Police Stations and two cases in Udayagiri Police Station.

Interrogation has also revealed that accused Abdul Rahim had cases registered against him at Lashkar and Udayagiori Police Stations while accused Abid Pasha was involved in various murder and attempt to murder cases. They had taken to vehicle lifting for money.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan guided CCB Inspector R. Jagadish and staff in the nabbing and seizing operation, according to a press release.

Alleged sexual harassment of research scholar

Professor couple of Mysore University issued notices

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (RK&KS)- University of Mysore (UoM) authorities have issued show-cause notices to UoM Professor couple Dr. G.T. Ramachandrappa and Dr. N.K. Lolakshi regarding the alleged sexual harassment incident on a research scholar.

The show-cause notices were issued by Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa yesterday to Dr. G.T. Ramachandrappa, Professor at the UoM's Political Science Department and his wife Dr. N.K. Lolakshi, Professor at UoM's Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), after the incident began doing rounds on social media and reports published in newspapers and aired on electronic media on Aug. 6.

Prof. Shivappa stated that the alleged incident had brought a bad name to the reputation of the University.

Prof. Shivappa, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that Dr. Lolakshi had given statements to the media without examining the facts, which is against the rules of the University and added that a show-cause notice was issued to her asking her to reply in writing to the notice in three days.

The registrar further said that another show-cause notice has been issued to Dr. Ramachandrappa asking him to reply in writing within three days as his wife had accused him of sexually harassing a research scholar and given statements to media, which had brought a bad name to the University.

Prof. Shivappa said that a letter has been written to Jayalakshmipuram Police Inspector to give a copy of the complaint, statements they had obtained, NCR and FIR.

Kidnap and sexual assault: City Court sentences youth to 10 years jail

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (KS)- City's Special POCSO Court has sentenced a 24-year-old youth to 10 years rigorous imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 25,000 after he was found guilty of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor girl.

The convict is Sandesh, a resident of Hootagalli in city. Sandesh was accused of kidnapping a 17-year-old girl on June 4, 2016, confining her illegally at a house of a person known to him at Koorgalli, where he had sexually assaulted the girl till Sept. 8, 2016.

A case in this regard was registered at Vijayanagar Police Station and the Cops had submitted a chargesheet to the Court.

Judge Shayma Khamroz, who took up the hearing, heard the arguments from both sides and found the accused guilty of the crime and sentenced him besides imposing the fine.

Attempt to rape: Man sentenced to 3 years jail

In another case, a 30-year-old man, who had attempted to sexually assault a 10-year-old specially abled girl, has been sentenced to three years jail and a fine of Rs. 20,000 has been imposed on him.

The incident had taken place in Saragur and the convict is Chikkanna alias Bettaiah. On Dec. 19, 2013, the accused lured the girl, who was playing with other children near the Backward Classes Hostel in Saragur in the pretext of getting her snacks, took her to the old toilet complex of the hostel, where he tried to sexually assault her.

As the girl began to scream, one Rajanna and Nanjundaiah, rushed to the spot and rescued the girl and a complaint was lodged at Saragur Police Station.

The Police, who had registered a case, arrested the accused and had submitted the charge-sheet to the Court.

The Judge, who took up the case, found the accused guilty and sentenced him to three years rigorous imprisonment besides imposing the fine.

The Judge has also ordered the District Legal Services Authority to provide a compensation of Rs. 50,000 to the girl.

Special Public Prosecutor S. Pushpalatha argued on behalf of the Government in both the cases.

Youth held for selling narcotics

Mysuru, Aug. 8- In a major narcotics haul, the Excise Department officials have arrested a youth and have seized narcotic substances worth about Rs. 12 lakh from him.

The arrested is 27-year-old K.M. Yashas, a resident of an apartment in Vijayanagar fourth stage in city.

Acting on a tip off, the Excise officials picked up Yashas when he was moving about in a suspicious manner on Bogadi Ring Road on Aug. 4.

During interrogation, he is said to have confessed to be in possession of prohibited drugs which were meant for sale, following which the officials seized a black bag found in his person and narcotic substances such as SLD powder, DMT powder, MDMA powder and capsules were discovered in his house, which is totally worth about Rs. 12 lakh.

The Excise officials have booked a case under Sections 22(c), 27(a) and 28 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1985 against Yashas for stocking and selling prohibited narcotic drugs .

The operation was carried out by Excise Inspector H. Santosh Kumar, Constable B. Lokesh and other staff.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	118.84 feet
Yesterday	:	117.54 feet
Inflow	:	23,830 cusecs
Outflow	:	5,368 cusecs

KABINI DAM

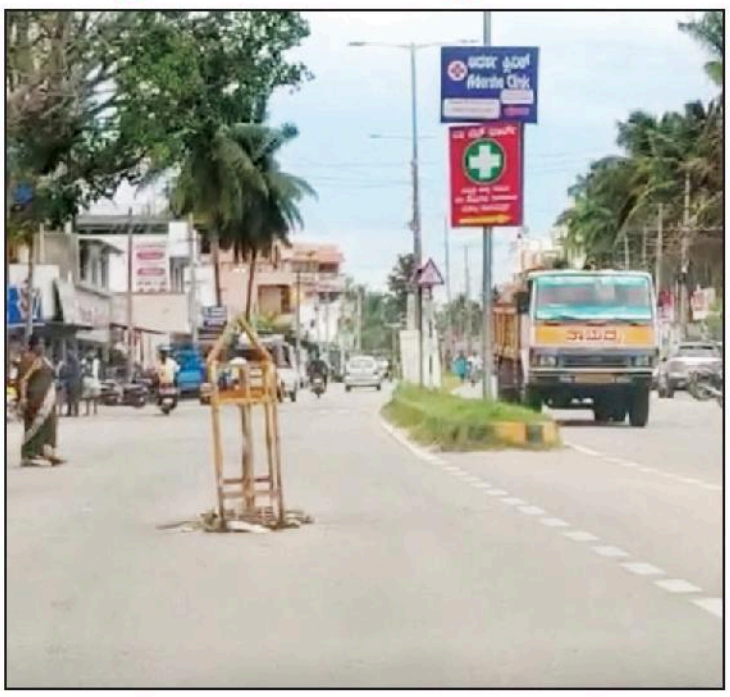
Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,282.13 feet
Inflow	:	12,638 cusecs
Outflow	:	10,700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,854.34 feet
Inflow	:	7,076 cusecs
Outflow	:	12,954 cusecs

VOICE OF THE READER

A dangerous barrier on Bogadi-Gaddige Road



Sir,

While proceeding from Bogadi towards Gaddige, near the temple, right in the middle of Bogadi-Gaddige Road, there is a barrier placed on the manhole (the source of problem) which is not in level with the road.

To avoid vehicles from moving on the manhole, a barrier is placed. But that is much more a risk, as especially during nights there is no indication about its presence.

Can the authorities concerned look into the same and solve the problem, before someone gets hurt seriously? Especially vulnerable are the two-wheeler riders.

—A concerned citizen
Mysuru
2.8.2021

SSLC results tomorrow

Bengaluru, Aug. 8- The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) will announce the SSLC examinations result at 3.30 pm tomorrow (Aug. 9). The results will be released online by Education Minister B.C. Nagesh at the office of Karnataka SSLC Examination Board at Malleshwaram in city.

The results will reach individual students through SMS as well. Results will also be available on *sslc.karnataka.gov.in, kseeb.kar.nic.in and karresults.nic.in*

A total of 8.76 lakh students had appeared for the examinations. The exams were held only on 2 days (July 19 and 22) in the wake of the pandemic.

The KSEEB had released the key answers for SSLC exams on July 23. This was for the second consecutive year that the KSEEB conducted the SSLC examinations after the COVID outbreak in March last year in Karnataka. However, for the first time the examinations were reduced from six days to two days with students writing one paper for three subjects each day.

Owing to COVID concerns, the KSEEB this year increased the number of examination centres and teachers on duty, with as many as 1.19 lakh staff deployed for 73,064 exam halls in 4,885 centres across the State.

Online petition to rename Rajiv Gandhi National Park

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BCT)- An online petition has been initiated by the residents of Kodagu district to change the name of Nagarahole National Park (Tiger Reserve) also known as Rajiv Gandhi National Park.

The petition has been started by Kayappanda Vinay through *Change.org* and has gathered more than 5,000 signatures this morning. The petition has been tagged to Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The petitioner has demanded that the Park be named after Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa who was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

The name Nagarahole has been derived from two Kannada words, 'Nagara' means snake and 'hole' means river. The name strikes the true meaning to this National Park where a few serpentine streams fork through the rich tropical forests. The birth of Nagarahole National Park can be traced by the stretching area of 258 sq km when it was a hunting reserve for the kings.

In 1974, some other reserve forests were added to bring the area as Nagarahole Game Reserve and then was classified as a National Park by extending the area by 643.39 sq kms in 1988. It was declared as a Tiger Reserve in 1999 and now, it extends up to 853 sq kms.

As per the petition, Nagarahole National Park was renamed after former PM Rajiv Gandhi only to impress a particular political family and a political party. Hence, the petition has been pitched to give credit to Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and if not at least to restore its previous name as Nagarahole National Park/ Tiger Reserve.

Obituary

A.P. Srimandira Kumar

Mysuru, Aug. 8- A.P. Srimandira Kumar (81), a resident of 80ft Road, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, next to Triveni Super Market, passed away this morning at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his wife, sons Vinod Kumar, an Electrical Contractor, Pramod Kumar and Prashanth Kumar and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Savithramma

Savithramma (64), wife of K.S. Ravindra and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away on Aug. 5 in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

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Chief/Superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites For & on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractors with sound financial & technical capacity for the following work(s):

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/MYS/PO&M/SS/MON/PP/2021**
Name of work	Stainless Steel & Monel piping fabrication and related Structural works at BARC site, Mysore
Estimated Cost	₹ **4,60,000/-** (Rupees Four lakh sixty Thousand only)
Period of Completion	**6 Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	1. Nil 2. Bid security declaration as per enclosed format in a separate sealed cover superscribing tender reference no. address to Cheif Engineer, BARC, Mysore to be received before due date of opening of the sealed tender. 3. Non compliance of bid security declaration would amount to suspension from this tender & future tenders also for a period of 6 months as decided by Chief Engineer
Security Deposit	2.5% of tendered value
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Cost of Tender Document	₹ **500/-** (Rupees Five hundred only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Sale Period	From **09.08.2021** to **18.08.2021** upto **16.00 hrs**
Due date & time for submission of Tender	**20.08.2021 upto 15.00 hrs.**
Date & time of opening of Tender	**On 20.08.2021 15.05 hrs.**
Place of Tender Submission	In Box No: 3 at Building No: 2 in BARC, Mysore
Place of Tender opening	Building No: 2 in BARC, Mysore
Contact Nos.	Head of Division/EIC : 0821 – 240 6630 Office : 0821 – 240 6530

Tender documents will be issued only in person on written request and not by post or Courier.

Chief Engineer, BARC
For & on behalf of the President of India

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Chief Engineer, BARC, Mysuru inviles on behalf of President of India, Sealed item rate Tenders from approved and eligible Contractors of CPWD/PWD, other Government Organizations having experience in works of 'Similar Nature' for the following works:

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/MYS/RF/ JKM / 2020-21 / 02**
Name of work	Gas cutting jobs of MS scraps in Refining Facility.
Estimated Cost	₹ **4,14,000/-** (Four lakh fourteen thousand only)
Period of Completion	**06 Months**
Earnest Money Deposit	1. Nil. 2. Submit Bid Security declaration as per enclosed form in a separate sealed cover superscripting tender reference no. address to Chief Engineer, BARC Mysuru to be reached before the due date of opening of the said tender. 3. Non-compliance of BSD would amount to suspension from this tender and also future tenders for a period of 6 months as decided by Chief Engineer
Security Deposit	2.5% of tendered value
Performance Guarantee	3.0% of tendered value
Cost of Tender Document	₹ **500/-** (Rupees Five hundred only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Sale Period	From **09/08/2021** to **16/08/2021** (11 am to 4 pm on all working days)
Due date & time for submission of Tender	**23/08/2021** till **4.00 pm**
Date & time of opening of Tender	**23/08/2021** till **4.15 pm**

Chief Engineer, BARC
For & on behalf of the President of India

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ತಿ. ನರಸೀಪುರ
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ಸಂ: ತಾಪಂ/ತಿನಪು/ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ವಾಹನ/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.08.2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By **Gouri Satya**, Sr. Journalist

He builds an Agrahara, makes his house a temple

A look at the growth of Mysuru reveals an interesting feature of how the city expanded from Agraharas and Keris to Mohallas, Purams and Extensions. Initially, it was the construction of just one road with a few houses and as the population began to rise, construction of Mohallas, Purams and Extensions were taken up with roads and crosses.

At the time of shifting of the headquarters to Mysuru from Srirangapatna, the erstwhile capital was in a devastating condition. The Fort and the Palace had been demolished. The situation was so bad that there was no proper structure where the installation of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III could be conducted. As a result, the city had to be rebuilt, including a suitable residential place for the newly-installed King and his family.

The rebuilding of the capital city began after the restoration of the kingdom to the Mysuru royal family. From then on, Mysuru began to expand, adding new areas.

Initially, it began with the construction of houses within the Fort and later outside its four walls. New Keris and Agraharas began to appear. Besides Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, even his queens took interest in constructing Agraharas of 21 houses and donated them to deserving persons of the Brahmin community. These Keris and Agraharas came up in the then existing Fort Mohalla, Devaraja Mohalla, Krishnaraja Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla and Mandi Mohalla, resulting in their expansion.

As the city began to witness a rise in population and the need for more houses began, the development moved from the construction of one-street Agraharas to Purams and Extensions like Lakshmipuram, Saraswathipuram, Chamarajapuram, Vani Vilasa Puram, Jayalakshmipuram, Chamundipuram (which includes Hosakeri and Chamundi Extension), Vidyaranyapuram, and Nagaras of a larger scale like Vishweshwara Nagara, Kuvempunagara, Vijayanagara and J.P. Nagara. New layouts with new names began to be developed on all four sides of the city, private developers also entering the field as the city progressed.

A view of Subbarayadasa Agrahara.

Subbarayadasara Agrahara

An interesting feature in this expansion is the contribution made by a few prominent personalities who evinced interest in constructing new Agraharas, apart from the rulers and their queens. Perhaps, **Subbarayadasa surnamed Gopaladasa was the first such person to construct an Agrahara.** According to records, this saintly person formed an Agrahara in 1836 and gifted it to Brahmin priests.

Formed in his name, the Agrahara was named 'Subbarayadasara Agrahara' and it was opposite the Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple. Subbarayadasa made this Agrahara for 'increasing the merit of the king, Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, and for the accruement of merit of his forefathers, of himself and his elder brother, Sinappadasa.'

The Agrahara had nine houses built for accommodating the priests of the temple. It included a feeding house *(Anna Chatra)* at its beginning. The land for the construction of the Agrahara was given by the Maharaja, who also had granted *Vrittis* of six *varahas* a person to three priests, Venkappachar, Venkatarama Sastri and Krishnadasa, who conducted daily worship in the temple and other residents, for their livelihood.

Subbarayadasa

Wooden Chariot

Opposite the eastern entrance to the temple stood a shaded structure to station the wooden chariot used for taking out the idol of the deity in procession through the streets. There was also a pond with an Anjaneya Temple and it was named **'Srinivasa Pushkarani'** and a garden as well. The grove provided flowers and other requirements for the daily worship of the deities in the main temple and in its small shrines.

It may be noted that the Subbarayadasara Agrahara came up 15 years after the construction of the Krishnavilasa Agrahara with 20 houses which was built in 1821, along with the Lakshmivilasa Agrahara, which was opposite to it and Ramavilasa Agrahara. It was later the Jaganmohan Palace (1861), Maharani's School (1889), the Dewan's Bungalow of Sir Seshadri Iyer, which houses the Commercial Tax offices now, and other structures came up.

The temple has two entrances, one facing the east and the other to the South, facing the historic Maharani's School. This was probably the first Agrahara to be constructed by a private person in Mysuru.

About Subbarayadasa

The highly revered Madhwa saint, a protector in all respects *(sarvavishayadallu samrakshaka)*, was an officer in the Palace. He lived in the house, which was later converted into the temple of Prasanna Venkataramana, enjoying the *'bhatamanya'* and *'vritti'* at Anandur previously granted by the mother of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, dowager queen Lakshmammanni.

Popularly known as 'Mysore Subbarayadasa', he was held in high reverence for his religious practices and pious acts. A devotee of Prasanna Venkatesha, Subbarayadasa is believed to have performed many pious deeds and miracles during the time of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III. In recognition of his pious deeds, the Maharaja conferred on him several gifts and honours, including the piece of land for the construction of the Agrahara. The Maharaja had also made a payment of 3,680 *'Kanthiraya Hana'* in 1843 for the feeding house Subbarayadasa was running at Bilikere.

When plague epidemic broke out in Mysuru and many people died, Lord Venkatesha is said to have appeared before Subbarayadasa like a boy in his dream and told him that the disease would disappear and the desires would be fulfilled if he distributed three *'Angaras'*, one *'Kanthiraya Hana'*, the then currency, and *'Mantrakshate'* (sanctified rice grains) to the people in the town from the next day. Acting according to the direction he had received in his dream, Subbarayadasa distributed *angara* (sacred ash applied on forehead) and *tirtha* (sacred water) for nine days without food or sleep.

When subsequently Subbarayadasa decided to go on a pilgrimage, the Maharaja invited him to the Palace and honoured him with valuable presents. He also made gifts to the deity Venkataramanaswamy. Subbarayadasa undertook the pilgrimage in the palanquin Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had given to him besides money.

After returning from his pilgrimage, he presented the sacred water of the Ganges he had brought with him to the Maharaja. Pleased with this, the Maharaja got the temple constructed for Lord Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy in the house of Subbarayadasa in Krishnavilasa Agrahara with a tower, a pond (Srinivasa Pushkarani), a Mantapa, a garden, etc. He also got a chariot made for the temple for the procession and gave a grant of Rs. 100 a month for the festivals to be conducted.

After his house became a temple dedicated to Lord Venkatesha in 1825, Subbarayadasa built the Agrahara to provide houses for the priests in 1836.

Subbarayadasa's Brindavana.

The Lord Venkatesha Temple

Temple tower with Maharani's School in the background.

Inside the temple, there is a three feet high 'Bhakta Vigraha' of Subbarayadasa with an inscription by its sides giving his name and other details. The Madhwa saint is shown as though giving away everything that he has. He carries musical instrument Thamburi and in his left hand a water vessel from the sprout of which falls a libation of water in the act of giving everything he can to the God he held close to his heart. A statue of his brother, Sinappadasa is also seen in the temple. The 'Brindavana' of Subbarayadasa is located within the premises.

On the slab above the doorway of the Anjaneya shrine, the inscription dated 1836 gives elaborate details of the piety, charities made to the God, and long journeys undertaken by Subbarayadasa all over India. Two stones fixed to the wall on either side of the entrance to the *garbhagriha*, narrate about Subbarayadasa and the grant of 3680 varahas the Maharaja had ordered to be paid from the Palace Treasury by Lingarajaiya Arasu to the feeding house run by Subbarayadasa at Bilikere. Pleased over the manner in which the temple and other facilities had come up, Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III had the inscriptions installed.

Statuette of Subbarayadasa.

Chitra Mantapa

A significant feature of the temple is the Mantapa above the Anjaneya shrine. This unique 'Chitra Mantapa' is fully decorated with Mysuru-style paintings of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's era. The interior four walls of the painted hall are fully covered with frescos of 12 Maharajas of Mysuru mentioning their names and period of their reign, maps of Mysuru and Srirangapatna and sketches of pilgrim places.

There is also a wooden panel showing sage Vyasa seated on the coils under the canopy of a five-hooded serpent, attended by Madhwacharya, Garuda, Bhima and Anjaneya. In the lower portion are the standing figures of Dewan Purnaiah, Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, Subbarayadasa and Sinappadasa.

The temple and the Agrahara stand as a mark of testimony to the benevolent act by two notable personalities of the period — a king and savant. While Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III patronised Subbarayadasa, the Madhwa saint made his home a temple and built an Agrahara and offered everything to his patron deity deciding not to have anything for himself.

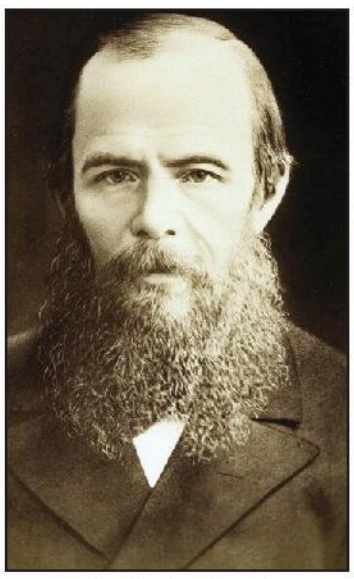
Standing in memory of this devoted person, the temple adds to the significance of Krishnavilasa Road, which also has the historic Parakala Mutt at the commencement of the Agrahara.

A mural in Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Krishnavilasa Agrahara.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Malayalam novel about a Russian novelist



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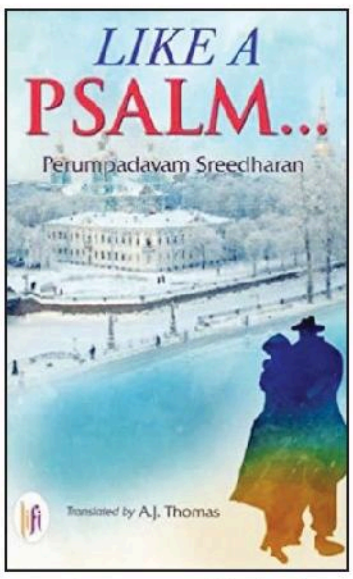

Cover page of the book

Perumpadavam Sreedharan

Writing generally is a time-consuming work, no matter what kind of writing. It is also an exercise to the writer's mind. And mind is like a knife. If you do not use it, the knife gets rusted and wasted. So also mind, if not kept engaged there is a danger of dementia and problems related to the brain. After all, you have to think before writing unlike talking — you may talk without thinking but not so while writing. Whether one is a lawyer, doctor, poet, novelist or historian, thinking comes first. Writing is only a lateral part. It is also a work done in long privacy, depending upon the subject one writes. Indeed writing is a creative exercise.

It is not surprising, therefore, **Perumpadavam Sreedharan**, the author of the book I am reviewing here, makes the main protagonist in the novel, Dostoevsky, speak about writing a novel in the following words:

"This is something to be done alone. Like meditation, like a silent prayer, so esoterically, so solitarily."

But novelists belong to a different class. Their creative juice seems to flow from an eternal spring. Otherwise, how can they produce masterpieces in such numbers, volumes?

These thoughts crossed my mind as I was reading a Malayalam novel titled '*Oru Sankeerthanam Pole*' translated into English under the title '*Like A Psalm...,*' translated beautifully by that distinguished Indian English Poet A.J. Thomas.

The original in Malayalam was written by that acclaimed novelist Perumpadavam Sreedharan. His is a household name in Kerala. That he was a winner of Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and several other honours need no repetition while introducing such a brilliant, creating writer of fiction.

However, '*Oru Sankeerthanam Pole*' is considered his masterpiece. It had made publishing history in Malayalam running into 80 editions and selling more than 2,50,000 copies till date since its publication 24 years ago.

It is not surprising, therefore, **Perumpadavam Sreedharan**, the author of the book I am reviewing here, makes the main protagonist in the novel, Dostoevsky, speak about writing a novel in the following words: "This is something to be done alone. Like meditation, like a silent prayer, so esoterically, so solitarily."

The translation in English is warm, in a simple narrative, touching on every aspect of human life and relationship. That is the very reason why it makes a compelling reading. It is a small novel of 175 pages in English but its original in Malayalam must be extraordinary for sheer reading pleasure. Well, if this translated book could be so riveting, it is anyone's guess how great an experience reading the original Malayalam would be. The creative genius of the writer Perumpadavam Sreedharan is seen in his daring a subject in a foreign location and unrelated to Indian characters.

The story focusses on a crucial juncture in the life of that iconic, world famous Russian novelist **Fyodor Dostoevsky,** who is known as an alcoholic, habitual gambler and worse, an epileptic. With all these weaknesses (?) he could produce so many voluminous books, among them the "Crime and Punishment," is considered a masterpiece. I have read this book (now forgotten) some 50 years ago in Bombay. Now again this opportunity to read a novel about him. I am still wondering if there is a mix of fact and fiction. No matter, book makes an unstoppable, interesting reading.

Osho Rajneesh makes a reference to Fyodor Dostoevsky in his book '*Nirvana: The Last Nightmare.*' He writes:

"Fyodor Dostoevsky has written a book, *The Idiot*. It is worth reading. The book is about a very simple man .... very humble, unique. But because he is humble and unique and simple, the crowd thinks he is an idiot. If you try to live your life in your own way, you will look like an idiot."

Anyway, let us leave these opinions behind and focus on this novel. Where is India and where is Russia? Where is Kerala and where is St. Petersburg? Who is Perumpadavam Sreedharan writing in Malayalam language and who is Fyodor Dostoevsky a novelist writing in Russian? Yet this Malayalam novelist has created a novel, a novel relating to a Russian situation! Sreedharan has shrunk the world for us readers, presenting an aspect of Hindu idea of a universal man conceptualised in the euphemism "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.*"

Before my readers wonder how this Malayalam novel came to my notice, let me reveal that like many events in an individual's life this too happened by mere chance. My friend Raghavan, had gone to his native place in Kerala and came back with about six Malayalam books translated into English and gifted them to me. Though sick of reading books during these pandemic days, I chose this one at random and did not put it down till I finished.

Interestingly, the introduction to this book reveals that the author Sreedharan visited the city St. Petersburg, he so lovingly describes in the novel and also Dostoevsky's home, a good 23 years after he wrote this book! Must have done considerable homework on the theme of the novel and the characters before writing this classic of a book. An example of hard work producing good books.

Nearer home, we have Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, a Kannada writer, whose every book (and they are too many) has the hallmark of hard work and research of this kind preceding its writing.

My salutations to these authors.

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Low-key Dasara

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"As such, of the Rs.10 crore released by the State Government for last Dasara, only Rs. 2.5 crore was spent. The remaining money could be used for a low-key celebration this year. A final decision would be taken after a discussion with the CM," he said.

Like 2020, the State Government had scaled down celebrations in 2001 and 2002 due to earthquakes in Gujarat and drought in Karnataka. The State spends about Rs. 50 crore on Dasara celebrations every year.

Kidnapped

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On questioning, the woman told the Police that she had kidnapped the baby at Alipiri Police limits in Tirupati of Andhra Pradesh.

Devaraja Police later summoned Alipiri Sub-Inspector S. Jayachandra and staff to Mysuru and collected information about the kidnapping.

Alipiri Police informed Devaraja Police that one Vaddegangulamma of Tirupati (Urban) had lodged a complaint about the kidnapping of the baby. As the Alipiri Police had registered a case in this regard, Devaraja Police handed over the accused and the rescued baby to Alipiri Police.

Devaraja Inspector R. Diwakar, Sub-Inspectors S. Raju and M.R. Leelavathi, ASI B. Tara and staff Anjaneya, Praveen Kumar, Nagaraju, Manchanayaka, Nandeesh, Narayana, Shilpa Barikar and Vasanth Kumar were part of the rescue operation.

No bus services from Kodagu to Kerala

Charulata Somal

Madikeri, Aug. 8- Following increase in COVID positive cases in Kerala, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Charulata Somal has banned bus services from Kodagu to Kerala.

The DC has stated that no buses from Kerala can enter Kodagu and similarly no buses will go to Kerala.

The decision in this regard was taken following steep rise in Corona cases in Kerala. Inter-State passengers will have to undergo screening at check posts in district borders, the Deputy Commissioner added.

Second day of weekend curfew

Mysuru wears a near-deserted look

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (MTY&DM)- With the State Government ordering a 56-hour weekend curfew (from 9 pm on Friday till 5 am on Monday) in the districts of Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada, which share border with Kerala, Mysuru city wear a near deserted look today, with hardly a few people and vehicles venturing on to the streets.

While essential shops and services were open till 2 pm, all other non-permitted category of shops, commercial establishments and businesses were shut for the second straight day today.

Though Hotels and Restaurants, which come under essential services, were open, only takeaways were allowed and there was no sit-in dining service.

Public transport too was available only on a low scale, with the KSRTC operating a few buses based on passenger demand.

As Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham had halted bus service to Kerala State and Kodagu district as a precautionary and safety measure in view of COVID-19 pandemic, no KSRTC buses operated to Kodagu and Kerala.

Though buses operated to destinations such as Bengaluru, Mandya, Hassan, Chiikamagalur, Shivamogga, Davangere etc., there were hardly a few passengers and as such, the KSRTC authorities plied buses on a low-scale, cutting down on regular trips.

As tourist spots and other popular tourist destinations in and around the city were closed, these places, which were buzzing with activities just a couple of days ago, painted a deserted picture today, thanks to the weekend curfew.

Overall, the weekend curfew in the city was successful, with less people venturing out of their homes and a few vehicles plying on roads. The weekend curfew ends at 5 am tomorrow (Monday) morning.

High-security number plates

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Sources in the Department said that once the tender is finalised, number plate affixing stations will be made available in each RTO jurisdiction and vehicle owners will have the option of making online bookings and affixing HSRPs at their doorstep. Fees will be collected from motorists as per the notification issued by the Department while the Department will get a royalty of 2 percent of the HSRP fee.

What is HSRP?

A High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) is made up of aluminium and is fixed on the vehicle using two non-reusable locks. The registration plate comes with a hot-stamped chromium-based hologram of Ashoka Chakra on the top left corner which is blue in colour and precisely measures 20mm x 20mm.

At the bottom left corner of the plate is a 10-digit PIN (Permanent Identification Number) that is laser-engraved on the reflective sheet.

Similarly, the HSRP also comes with a hot-stamped film applied on the registration numerals and letters bearing the inscription 'India' at a 45-degree angle. Once the unique registration is fixed, it is then electronically linked to the vehicle.

Why is HSRP mandatory and what are its benefits?

• Old number plates are quite easy to tamper with and can be taken out or switched easily.

• A stolen vehicle always ends up with a replaced registration plate, making it difficult for the authorities to track it down.

• HSRPs come with a non-removable snap-on lock and are quite difficult to replace.

• The HSRPs store essential details of a vehicle including engine number and chassis number in a centralised database.

• Stored data along with the 10-digit PIN becomes crucial in identifying a stolen vehicle.

• HSRPs are only issued once the vehicle owner passes on essential details like engine number and chassis number.

• Prevents counterfeiting of the registration plates.

• HSRPs have a uniform pattern.

• Menace of incomprehensible registration using different fonts will come to an end.

BJP General Secretary C.T. Ravi urges CM to rename Indira Canteens

Bengaluru, Aug. 8- Sparking off a row, BJP National General Secretary and former Karnataka Minister C.T. Ravi on Saturday called on Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to rename Indira Canteens, a flagship initiative of the previous Congress Government named after late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The demand came a day after the Union Government on Friday renamed the country's highest sports award after legendary Hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, removing the name of another former Prime Minister and Congress Leader Rajiv Gandhi.

In a tweet on Saturday, Ravi, a former Minister in the previous B.S. Yediyurappa Cabinet, had called for renaming Indira Canteens as 'Annapoorneshwari Canteens.' He had also tweeted that he had no reason to see why Kannadigas should be reminded of the dark days of Emergency, which was declared by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in mid 1970s.

Leader of the Opposition Siddharamaiah, who as a Congress Chief Minister a few years ago, had started Indira Canteens across the State, aimed at providing subsidised food to the poor and the needy.

Siddharamaiah hits back

Soon as C.T. Ravi tweeted calling for renaming of Indira Canteens as Annapoorneshwari Canteens, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who started the Indira Canteens, hit back at the BJP leader saying that the BJP was intolerant towards Opposition leaders.

Siddharamaiah

C.T. Ravi

Strongly opposing Ravi's demand, Siddharamaiah, speaking to press persons at Benglauru on Saturday, said that it is a common practice to name schemes, programmes, initiatives etc., after national leaders. Strongly defending his decision to name the canteens after the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Siddharamaiah took exception to the Centre's decision to rename Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

"The Union Government could have instituted another award in the name of Major Dhyan Chand and not rename Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award as Major Dhyan Chand Award. Has not the BJP in Karnataka named schemes after former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee? There are flyovers named after Jansangh and BJP leaders Deendayal Upadhyaya and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in Bengaluru. But the Congress did not rename them when in power. The BJP needs to respect the contribution of other leaders and those in the Opposition as well," he maintained, while pointing out how a stadium in Gujarat was recently named after the current Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reiterating that the BJP should be tolerant towards others, Siddharamaiah alleged that BJP leaders such as C.T. Ravi were only promoting hatred. Warning the BJP leaders against making any moves to rename Indira Canteens, the Opposition Leader accused the BJP of being anti-poor.

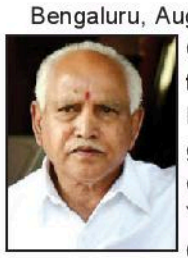
Asserting that Indira Canteens in Karnataka take forward the pro-poor legacy of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Siddharamaiah reminded that Indira Gandhi, who headed the Congress party for a long time, shared a special bond with Karnataka, as she was elected from Chikkamagalur Lok Sabha constituency by-poll held in 1978 when she was out of power.

Referring to the formation of Basavaraj Bommai Cabinet, Siddharamaiah said that he does not have any expectations from the new Cabinet. Arguing that the State Cabinet lacked balance as there is no representation to as many as 13 districts, he also charged the Government of ignoring old Mysuru region and also of being indifferent to the welfare and development of oppressed and marginalised sections of the society.

He also termed the recent ED raids on the residence and properties of Chamarajpet Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan as politically motivated and also aimed at intimidating the MLA for taking on the BJP Government.

B.S. Yediyurappa gets Cabinet rank status

Bengaluru, Aug. 8- In a first, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has given his predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY), a Cabinet-rank status. This is the first time ever in Karnataka that a former CM has been accorded the status without holding any statutory post.


B.S.Yediyurappa

A notification to this effect was issued by the Protocol Wing of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) on Saturday, according to which Yediyurappa will enjoy the status till Bommai remains as the Chief Minister.

Official sources said that status was given mainly to ensure Yediyurappa retains his official bungalow Cauvery, the designated residence of the Chief Minister. As per the status, BSY will get an official car to move around , besides perks, other allowances and facilities.

This will leave Bommai without an official residence as of now. Currently, the CM is functioning from his residence in R.T. Nagar, which is on a site that was allocated to Basavaraj Bommai's father and former Chief Minister late S.R. Bommai over three decades ago.

Although the facility was available to former Prime Ministers for 10 years after stepping down, the Narendra Modi Government had withdrawn this facility.

Yediyurappa reject offer

This afternoon, however, Yediyurappa rejected the offer and wrote to CM Basavaraj Bommai not to accord any special Cabinet status to him. He said that he does not need special privileges but the Government can extend whatever facilities available to a former CM.

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Minister Somashekar plans a major surgery for century-old K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (YDS&SSV)- There is a serious plan of performing a major surgery on the century-old K.R. Hospital in a bid to find out permanent solution to several problems being faced by the Hospital all these years, said Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar.

"This subject is discussed in every meeting but yet there is no solution for it. So, I am planning a major surgery for the Hospital. My first priority is to find out solutions if I am re-appointed as the District In-charge of Mysuru," the Minister said while chairing a review meeting on floods and COVID-19 pandemic situation at the Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday.

Develop or shut it

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra opined that it was better to close down K.R. Hospital following denial of facilities. "The State Government must provide all facilities required to run it systematically. No Governments including the incumbent BJP Government has made honest efforts to find out long lasting solutions to problems confronted by the Hospital. The Government releases money to build new hospital, but it was not showing interest for the renovation of K.R. Hospital. Recently, a mentally challenged woman was sexually assaulted by miscreants but the authorities have failed to take any measure to step up security," he added .

No reply from Govt.

Replying to this, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director of Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) informed the meeting that they have already sent a list of medical equipments and the medical staff required for the Institute. But there was no response from the Government so far, he said and added that instructions have come from the Government against the appointment of additional staff in certain departments. The Minister, who intervened, asked Dr. Nanjaraj to give him a list of total number of doctors, nurses, medical equipments required for the Hospital. "I am aware of problems faced by the Hospital and a separate meeting will be called soon to discuss this issue," he said.

Third wave

Somashekar directed the District Administration to take all precautions so that there should be no shortage of oxygen, ICU and general beds in Government Hospital during the third wave of the pandemic. The District faced acute shortage of medical facilities in second wave and it must not be repeated. "Deputy Commissioner must share information with media daily about the preventive steps taken by the administration to deal with COVID crisis. Already, 80 percent of people living in border villages have been vaccinated. Instruction has been given for 100 percent vaccination coverage. The District Administration is ready even if 5,000 Corona positive cases are reported daily," he noted.

Co-operate with the Govt.

The Minister said that in order to prevent COVID from spreading in Karnataka, certain strong measures have been taken and every one must follow week-end curfew rules strictly.

District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the Health Department is fully prepared even if 3,000 positive cases are reported daily. As many as 8,000 beds are kept ready of which 17 percent are reserved for children. The identification of malnourished kids has been intensified and treatment has been arranged for those kids as well as steps to improve nutrition level in them.

MLAs S.R. Mahesh, H.P. Manjunath, L. Nagendra and Harshavardhan, MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Acting Mayor Anwar Baig, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP R. Chethan and others were present.

Officer takes away donated items?

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh has alleged that an officer has taken away the equipment donated by RBI Note Printing Press under CSR scheme and meant for District Hospital for COVID-19 management. The RBI had given items worth Rs. 5.98 lakh to District Administration. But the equipment have not reached District Hospital and District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari had not replied to his letter in this connection.

Dr. Rajeshwari said that they have informed the RBI authorities that the District Hospital did not want those equipments and the same has been informed to the District Administration.

Intervening, Minister Somashekar sought a direct reply from the District Surgeon without beating around the bush. Since this matter is discussed in every meeting, it is better that she furnished documents stating where those donated equipment had gone without fear.

400 beds ready

Five ICU beds are reserved in each Taluk Hospital. Training has been imparted to doctors and the medical staff on treatment of children in ICUs and its maintenance. Arrangements have been made for 400 beds in the district which included 75 in District COVID Hospital, 153 in Cheluvamba Hospital and 120 in Private Hospitals. Oxygen generating plants are being set up in all important Government Hospitals.

—DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad.

Clear confusion over Corona deaths

Confusion over COVID deaths has not been cleared yet. Number of BPL families which lost its main earning member to COVID-19 pandemic, will be denied of Rs. 1 lakh ex-gratia compensation announced by the State Government. The District Administration must not conceal the deaths and every death must be audited.

—MLA S.R. Mahesh

Traders soften stand on defying rules

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (RK&SSV)- Following assurance from Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, the city traders have revoked their decision to defy the weekend curfew imposed on eight border districts of Karnataka including Mysuru, which share borders with Kerala and Maharashtra in a bid to check the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Yesterday, representatives of various organisations, associations and traders held a meeting at a private hotel and had threatened to open all shops and hotels in K.R. Circle, Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Gandhi Square, Makkaji Chowk and other places today in case the Government failed to withdraw the week-end curfew order by Sunday. Traders had decided to stage a dharna on Devaraj Urs Road if the Police prevent them.

Responding to this, the Minister said none should say to defy the Government's order as it had been imposed as per the opinion of experts. "Mysureans have questioned the need for imposing the weekend curfew when Case Positivity Rate (CPR) was under control. The same feeling will be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister. Give me two days time to hold talks with the CM," he added.

In the wake of the Minister's assurance, traders held another round of meeting where they resolved to follow the weekend curfew rules today. However, they have resolved to go ahead with their original plan of defying orders in case the Government once again imposes weekend curfew in Mysuru district next week.

Earlier, Federation of Mysuru Traders Association had flayed the State Government for its decision to impose weekend curfew on Mysuru district and termed it as 'unscientific.' They had opined that this will hamper business. Instead of weekend curfew, the Government can impose night curfew from 10 pm to 5 am.

Traders had gone to the extent of going to jail if Police prevented them from opening the shops across the city today as a mark of protest against the Government's decision. They had opined that their business had already been hit hard in the last one-and-a-half years following outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

While Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda had given the call to defy the curfew orders, Mysore Travels Association Hon. President B.S. Prashanth had flayed those who sit in air conditioned rooms and take such 'unscientific' decisions.

Yoga Federation of Mysuru Vice-President D. Srihari, Mysuru District Tourist Vehicle Drivers and Owners Welfare Association President Nagaraj, Mysuru Textiles and Garments Merchants Association President Ramesh, Mysuru District Distributors Association President Chethan. Kalyan Mantaps Association President K.R. Sathyanarayana, Devaraja Market Tenants Association President S. Mahadev, Film Distributors Association's Rajaram and others were present.

TOKYO GAMES 2020 (July 23 - August 8)

Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win Olympic Gold in Athletics

Country's medal haul reaches seven; highest ever in the Games

Tokyo, Aug. 8- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra put in a stunning performance to win India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics. The 23-year-old registered a best attempt of 87.58m to finish ahead of Czech Republic duo of Jakub Vadlejch and Vitezslav Vesely.

It was India's first gold medal at the ongoing Tokyo Olympics and also the country's second individual gold medal in its Olympic history after Abhinav Bindra's heroics in Beijing 2008.

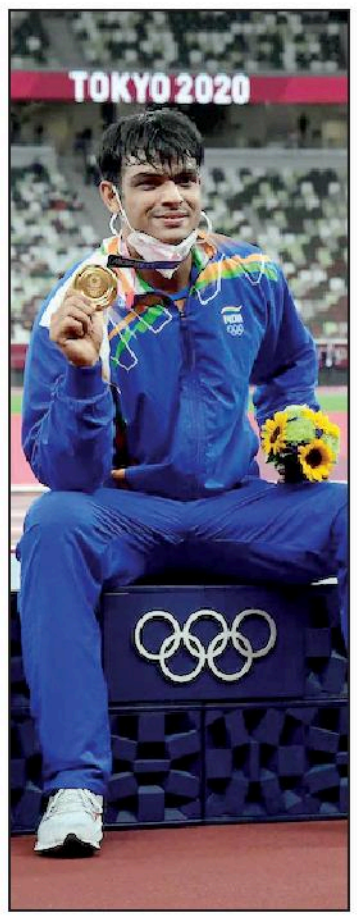
With his historic effort, he also took India's medal haul to seven in the ongoing Games — the country's highest ever, beating the tally of six medals won at the London Games in 2012.

Neeraj Chopra had come into the final as one of the favourites to win a medal after topping the charts in qualification.

Chopra started off with a throw of 87.03, taking the lead after the first round of throws itself. If that was a good start, he went even better with his second attempt, registering a throw of 87.58. His third throw was 76.79.

Neeraj Chopra's fourth and fifth attempts were foul throws, but he continued to top the leaderboard. His last throw was a formality with all his competitors having already finished their attempts, and he recorded 84.24 with the attempt.

Czech javelin thrower Vadlejch had the second best throw of 86.67, while his compatriot Vesely clinched bronze with 85.44m.



Wrestler Bajrang Punia wins bronze

Tokyo, Aug. 8- Wrestler Bajrang Punia yesterday fulfilled his Olympic dream by winning the bronze medal at Tokyo 2020 by beating Daulet Niyazbekov of Kazakhstan in the repechage round at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Superstar wrestler Bajrang Punia on Saturday became the sixth athlete to clinch a medal for India after he won the men's 65kg bronze medal match against Daulet Niyazbekov of Kazakhstan in the repechage round at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Former Asian Games gold medallist Bajrang dominated the bout from start to finish, which ended in a 8-0 scoreline in favour of the Indian 27-year-old. Bajrang won by technical superiority.

BCCI announces cash rewards for Olympic medallists

New Delhi, Aug. 8- The BCCI on Saturday announced cash rewards for India's medal winners at the Tokyo Olympics with Rs. 1 crore reserved for Neeraj Chopra, who became country's first track and field athlete to win a gold medal.

In a tweet, BCCI secretary Jay Shah also announced that Rs. 50 lakh each will be given to silver medallists — Mirabai Chanu and Ravi Dahiya. Mirabai Chanu won India's first weightlifting medal at the Games and Ravi Dahiya became only the second wrestler from the country to win a silver after Sushil Kumar (2012). The bronze medallists — wrestler Bajrang Punia, boxer Lovlina Borgohain and shuttler P.V. Sindhu — will get Rs. 25 lakh each.

The men's hockey team which won its first Olympic medal in 41 years will get Rs. 1.25 crore.

Later in the day, IPL franchise Chennai Super Kings announced a Rs. 1 crore reward for Chopra.

MRC cancels Inter Venue Betting till Aug. 16

Mysuru, Aug. 8- In view of the order dated 6th August 2021 issued by the Government of Karnataka, the Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd., will not be conducting Inter Venue Betting (IVB) operations at MRC until Aug. 16.

Also, unclaimed ticket payments of IVB Hyderabad Races held on Aug. 1 will be made at parking entrance on Monday (Aug. 9) and Tuesday (Aug. 10) from 10.30 am to 1 pm, according to a press release from NHS Mani, Secretary & CEO, MRC Ltd.

KSCA to hold selection trials for U-19 team on Aug. 13

Mysuru, Aug. 8- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, will be conducting selection trials to select the U-19 inter-district teams on Aug. 13 at SDNR Wadiyar Ground at 8.30 am. Earlier the selection trials was scheduled for Aug. 14 and due to weekend curfew, it was preponed to Aug. 13. Last date to receive entries along with Date of Birth certificate is Aug. 12 (before 5 pm). For details, contact KSCA Office on Ph: 0821-2519900. Boys below 16 years are not allowed to participate, according to a press release from S. Sudhakar Rai, Convenor, KSCA Mysuru Zone.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	39	41	33	113
2	China	38	32	18	88
3	Japan	27	14	17	58
48	India	1	2	4	7

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EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 9)

- **Dr. K. Leela Prakash Shashtabdi Abhinandana Samiti:** Felicitation to Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Founder-Director & Chief Editor, Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Samshodhana Pratishtana, Mysuru, and releasing of felicitation volume titled 'Leelabharati,' Nityotsava Convention Hall, near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts):** Staging of play 'Mallamana Mane Hotlu,' directed by Kiran Gargi [The play, based on 'The Shoemaker's Prodigious Wife' written by twentieth-century Spanish dramatist Federico García Lorca, is translated to Kannada by H.S. Shivaprakash], Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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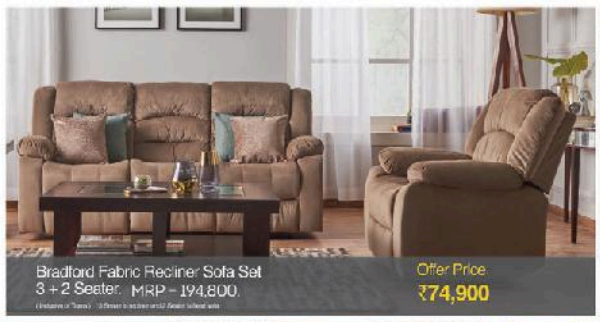
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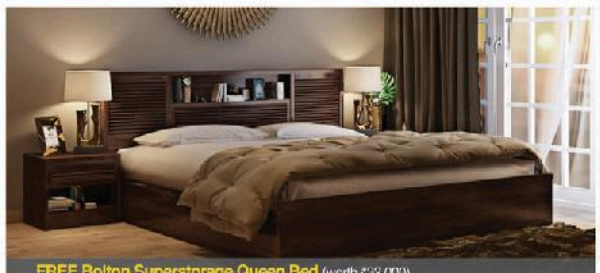
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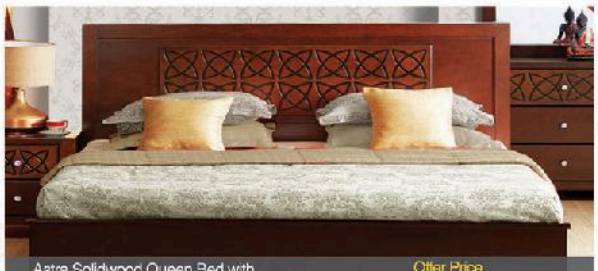
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